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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

APPLICANT: Huber et al
SERIAL NO.: 09/559,886 GROUP ART UNIT: 2841
DATE FILED: April 26, 2000
INVENTION: "A METHOD, APPARATUS AND SYSTEM FOR
OPERATING AN AUTOMATIC COMPONENT
MOUNTING UNIT FOR MOUNTING COMPONENTS
ONTO A SUBSTRATE OF AN ELECTRICAL ASSEMBLY"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

S I R:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that a citation and examination of the single reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be made during the course of the examination of the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Since filing the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement on January 5, 2001, applicants' attorneys have received a German Office Action dated December 30, 2000, which cites U.S. Patent No. 5,456,001 (copy attached). This Office Action also cited U.S. Patent No. 5,255,429, which has been previously submitted to the Patent Office by the above-mentioned Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement of January 5, 2001.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims of the present application are patentable over the teachings of this additional U.S. Patent and are allowable.

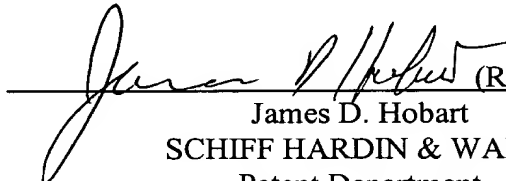
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Since this Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the date of the German Office Action, it is submitted that no government fee is required for the Patent Office to review this reference. It is also noted that no Office Action on the merits has been received in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

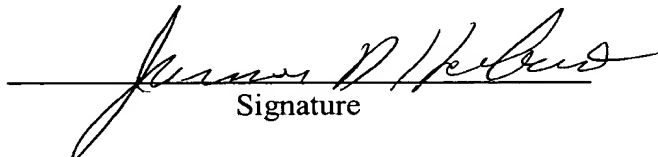
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